

March 27, 1950.

Dr. A. P. Krueger,
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Dear Dr. Krueger:

As you know, this year of 1950 is the semi-centennial year of the modern science of genetics, which is generally dated from the rediscovery of Mendel's work in 1900. In observance of this occasion, a Golden Jubilee program is being organized for the 1950 meeting of the Genetics Society of America, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, this September.

The organizing committee has just formally invited my participation in the jubilee program with a paper on the Physiology of the Gene, to be presented on September 13.

I am writing to ask whether the conditions of my appointment for the Second Summer Session might be altered so as to make possible my participation in the Centennial program. For this purpose, it would be necessary for me to leave Berkeley a few days before the end of the session, so that my wife and I would have time to drive back to Madison by, perhaps, the 12th. If necessary to meet legal course requirements, I will be willing to offer some special additional lectures or demonstrations, in compensation, although my experience here last semester would indicate that the scheduled course material can easily be covered even in the abbreviated interval.

I would not consider making such a request for any ordinary meeting. The significance of the Centennial is made more cogent, however, by the political attack which has been made upon the science in other countries. If, in considering this application, you would like to have some additional information concerning the jubilee program, may I refer you to your colleagues, Dr. I. M. Lerner, who is on the program committee, and Dr. Curt Stern, President of the society.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg